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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	10-039651 (cited in [0011] on page 5 of the specification)	02/1998	JP			Abstract	
	10-293437 (cited in [0011] on page 5 of the specification)	11/1998	JP			Abstract	
	2574804 (cited in [0011] on page 5 of the specification) (pub. no. 64-040847)	10/1996	JP			Abstract	
	2001-166602	06/2001	JP			X plus Abstract	
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OTHER ART

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	International Search Report for corresponding Application No. PCT/JP2004/014510 mailed November 9, 2004.

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